

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 18, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: CARRIE SANDERS, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: WORK SESSION ITEM – 2016 TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

ISSUE: 2016 update to the Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) review the proposed 2016 LRP project and study lists and provide feedback.

BACKGROUND: As part of its responsibility to develop and maintain a comprehensive Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP) that identifies the City's long-range transportation needs, the Commission first adopted an LRP in April 2010. The LRP is an unconstrained list of all transportation related capital projects and studies identified in City plans and policies. Projects on the LRP have no identified funding source. Once projects on the LRP receive partial or full funding, they are moved from the unconstrained LRP to the City's constrained Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Each year the Commission updates the LRP transportation projects and studies from plans adopted since the last update. Additional projects not captured in the previous LRP, or projects and studies no longer relevant, can also be removed if they have been completed or funded in the City's CIP.

As part of the 2015 LRP update, the Commission approved updated evaluation criteria, adding "safety" as a new evaluation measure.

At the April 20, 2016 Commission work session, the Commission provided guidance to staff on the 2016 LRP update. The guidance included the following:

- Remove any projects or studies that are either completed, shown to be not feasible through additional analysis already completed, or should be combined with another existing funded project;
- Existing or proposed projects such as roadways that are dependent on the timing of redevelopment proposals should be moved to a separate list, and not prioritized. These projects may also be implemented through developer requirements or contributions;

- For projects from a specific approved plan, such as a small area plan, consider consolidating projects that are similar, or within proximity of each other;
- New projects to add to the LRP (from approved plans) should be major projects that are unfunded, and that are not anticipated to be implemented through another funding source. For example, a number of priority projects identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan are currently in the Capital Improvement Program, or are anticipated to be implemented through the Complete Streets program.

Staff reviewed with the Commission the potential projects and studies to be removed, consolidated, or moved to a developer contingent list.

DISCUSSION: The draft 2016 LRP update includes changes based on the guidance provided by the Commission at its April 20, 2016 work session. This includes a number of projects and studies that have been removed, consolidated or moved to a developer contingent list.

A number of recent plans have been recently approved since the 2015 LRP, including the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan, Oakville Triangle-Route 1 Corridor Plan, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update. All of these plans include a significant number of recommended transportation projects or studies that are currently unfunded or have not been added to the CIP, and are being added to the 2016 LRP. They have been organized in a manner consistent with the guidance provided by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft 2016 LRP – Projects List
2. Draft 2016 LRP – Developer Contingent Project List
3. Draft 2016 LRP – Studies List
4. LRP Project Prioritization Criteria